

- (F) Any player released from military service after October 15 and under contract to the club for such season may be placed on the Inactive List of that club and may be named to the Active List of the club and participate in any Divisional Playoff Game, Conference Championship Game, or Super Bowl Game in accordance with the provisions of Section 20.5 and 20.6.

Suspended Players

- 17.11 A club or the Commissioner may suspend a player for violation of this Constitution and Bylaws, his NFL Player Contract, or the rules and regulations of the League or the club. During the period of suspension, a player shall not be entitled to compensation and shall be ineligible to play with any club. Any player suspended by a club shall have the right to appeal to the Commissioner, who shall have authority to order his reinstatement upon such terms as he deems proper. Players suspended by either the Commissioner or a club will be placed in the category of Reserve/Suspended. If the immediate former category of a player suspended by a club was the Active List and the club wishes to lift his suspension and return him to the Active List, it may do so without requesting procedural-recall waivers, despite the provisions of Section 17.6(A) of this Constitution and Bylaws. Any club that places a player on Reserve/Suspended to evade the Active List limit will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Commissioner.

Ineligible Players

- 17.12 The Commissioner may, on application of a club or on his own motion, declare ineligible a player who violates his contract, is guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of professional football, or who violates this Constitution and Bylaws or the rules and regulations of his club. Any ineligible player shall not be entitled to play for any club in the League until he shall have been reinstated by the Commissioner.
- 17.13 All players in the categories of Reserve/Retired, Reserve/Did Not Report, and Reserve/Veteran Free Agent Asked to Re-Sign will continue to be prohibited from being reinstated in the last 30 days of the regular season. Additionally, no player in such category will be reinstated between the trading deadline of the applicable season and the normal 30-day deadline unless the club initiates the reinstatement request and the Commissioner approves it.

Listing of Players

17.14 All players must be listed by the club on one of the following lists:

Active List
Reserve List
Exemption List

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(A) The Exemption List is a special player status available to clubs only in unusual circumstances. The List includes those players who have been declared by the Commissioner to be temporarily exempt from counting within the Active List limit. Any request for an Exemption must be sent to the Commissioner by NFLNet, e-mail, facsimile or other similar means of communication, and must include complete facts and reasons to support such request. Only the Commissioner has the authority to place a player on the Exemption List; clubs have no such authority. Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection (A), no exemption, regardless of circumstances, is automatic. The Commissioner also has the authority to determine in advance whether a player's time on the Exemption List will be finite or will continue until the Commissioner deems the exemption should be lifted and the player returned to the Active List. The following additional provisions govern the Exemption List:

- (1) Clubs participating in the American Bowl games shall be granted roster exemptions for any international players signed for such game, provided that the exemption extends for no more than 10 days and expires at 4:00 p.m., New York time, on the first business day after the game.
- (2) In no event will the Commissioner grant an exemption of more than two games in cases where a player fails to report to his club at the prescribed time. Whenever an exemption is granted in a case of late-reporting, it will be rescinded and the player added to the Active List as of 4:00 p.m., New York, on the last League business day before he appears in playing uniform at a game of his club. A late-reporting player is defined as a player already under contract on his club's Active List or Reserve List or a player on his club's Reserve List as an unsigned draft choice or unsigned Veteran Free Agent who fails to report to his club at the prescribed time.

- (3) If a player who is eligible for a two-game roster exemption reports to camp prior to the time that a roster limit is in effect, the two-game maximum will be reduced by the number of games that the club has played since the player reported, provided that the club notifies the League office as soon as the player reports that it desires a roster exemption and provided that the player does not dress for or participate in a game.
- (4) If a player, after reporting, leaves his club without permission and the club is granted an exemption, such exemption will expire immediately upon the player's return to the club, unless the Commissioner deems it reasonable that the player is not in sufficient physical condition to return to regular participation.
- (5) It is permissible for a club to trade or request waivers on a player who is on the Exemption List. If such player is assigned to another club and the involved exemption is for a finite period of time, the assignee club will have available to it only the portion of the exemption which has not expired. If such player is assigned to another club and the involved exemption is not for a finite period of time, the player will immediately count on the assignee club's Active List unless the Commissioner deems it reasonable that the player is not in sufficient physical condition to begin or return to regular participation.

Player Leaving Camp

17.15 If a player leaves the camp of his club during either the training season or the regular season without permission, the following provisions shall apply in respect to such player:

- (A) If such player returns to his club within five (5) days from date of his departure, then the club shall be limited to the exercise of one of the following alternatives:
 - (1) The club may restore such player to its Active List, provided it either has maintained or immediately provides a place on its Active List within the applicable player limit; or
 - (2) The club may waive or trade such player.
- (B) If such player does not return to his club until five (5) or more days shall have elapsed from the date of his departure and the club did not retain a place on its active roster for such player,